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1. Kurt Gregor was relieved as State Secretary for Trade on 1 June 1952. The job which he previously performed will now be done by three State Secretaries, each with limited responsibilities. No provision is known to have been made to coordinate the activities of the three new appointees.

2. The new State Secretary for Imports is Wilhelm Huettenrauch, former Minister of Economic Affairs, Thuringia. Secretary for Exports is Hans-Paul Ganter Gilman. The third secretariat will concern itself with general matters and administration; the holder of the office has not yet been designated.

3. The section under Josef Orlopp is known as the Sonderreferat; it is the only remaining vestige of the former Hauptabteilung fuer Innerhandel. Orlopp's chief assistants are: (fnu) Freund, (fnu) Foels (or V8ls), Willi Boese and (fnu) Vasischek.<sup>1</sup>

4. (FnU) Weber, an Abteilungsleiter in the Ministry for Foreign Trade

Referaten on 13 and 14 June. He announced the following measures:

a. The Referaten are to report as soon as possible on any private industry which exports to a Western country. The purpose for this reporting is to prove that the remaining private industry in East Germany is dealing with Fascist and thereby prepare the ground for further nationalization of industry. The reports are to include details on procurement of supplies for the industries as well as details on the actual trades. The reports are to cover 1949, 1950 and 1951 in most cases; in some, however, a report will cover only 1951.

b. All employees of the Ministry are henceforth forbidden to visit West Berlin for any reason.

5. Weber criticized the showing of foreign exchange values earned by the Ministry in general and of the Referat fuer Werkzeug und Metallwaren in particular. It was pointed out that Werkzeug und Metallwaren was supposed to earn six million rubles in foreign exchange during 1952, but that to date only one million had been earned.

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6. At a recent meeting of ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> ~~Directorate~~<sup>Directorate</sup> and Abteilung ~~Sloiter~~<sup>Sloiter</sup> in the Ministry for Foreign Trade, Josef Orloff stated that the Export Division of the Ministry was to have earned 35,000,000 in the first quarter of 1952 which was then to be made available to the Import Division to purchase selected materials. Actually, the Export Division earned only 368,000.

Albania.....(fnu) Pezhani <sup>1</sup>  
Romania.....Handelsrat (fnu) Costin, Wohlandstrasse 7  
Hungary.....(fnu) Czuo, (fnu) Hoffmann, Berlin-Treptow,  
Pushkinallee 48  
Czechoslovakia.....(fnu) Duchacek, Leipzigerstrasse 36  
Poland.....(fnu) Jablonski and (fnu) Selewski <sup>1</sup>  
USSR.....(fnu) Martinov, (fnu) Tichenko, Brannenstrasse

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2° A special meeting is to be held the week of 23 June in Leipzig. Specialists at the Ernst Thälmann Werk, Suhl, and Textima, Chemnitz, will attend to discuss East German "Schwerpunkte". Representatives of the following organizations will also attend the meeting: DHZ, HO stores, Ministry of Trade and Supply, State Planning Commission, Ministry of Foreign Trade and DIA. Among points to be discussed are a number of sewing machines produced in East Germany which cannot be sold because of faulty construction. It is hoped that these will be usable in the manufacture of military uniforms.

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24. Col. Gen. (fnu) Briskin<sup>6</sup> whose office is in the Karlshorst compound, is reported to be the Soviet officer in charge of all Soviet Zone border controls. Officials from the Ministry for Foreign Trade who have difficulty exporting goods to other Satellites try to obtain clearance for shipments from Briskin's office.
25. VVB Sanar recently laid off 100 men because of lack of materials. VVB Sanar makes all kinds of plumbing fixtures for export; most of the products go to Poland.
26. ~~Mu-metal~~ is one of the priority imports needed in East Germany. It is required in the electrical industry.
27. The DIA official in charge of Regierungsauftrage is Karl Rahn. His assistant is Edward Jahnicki.

1. Comment: The spelling of these names is not certain.

2. Comment: Presumably identical with Dr. Emil Hoffmann.

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4. Comment: Possibly identical with Willi Rumpf of the East German Ministry of Finance.

5. Comment: Not further identified.

6. Comment: Briskin is known as Col. Gen. although he is reported to wear the three star shoulder boards of a colonel.

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